

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (original): A drinking apparatus including:
a container having a lid and defining an internal cavity for holding a body
of liquid;
a valve element operates in conjunction with an opening on the container
and is operable between an open condition and a closed condition;
the valve element is biased to the closed condition wherein the apparatus
completely encapsulates the internal cavity to thereby prevent substances from being
introduced to the cavity; and removal of the lid from the container results in an indication
that the apparatus has been tampered with.

Claim 2 (original): A drinking apparatus according to claim 1 wherein
the action of drawing liquid through the opening causes the valve element to move to the
open condition.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A drinking apparatus according to either
claim 1 or ~~claim 2~~ wherein the valve element is biased to the closed condition by gravity.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A drinking apparatus according to ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the container is a cup.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A drinking container according to ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the lid is arranged to be snap fitted to the container.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim_1 wherein the lid and container fit together closely to resist removal of the lid by use of a leveraging tool.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim_1 wherein the opening is the bore of a straw.

Claim 8 (original): A drinking apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the straw is marked on its outer surface in the region of the valve element.

Claim 9 (original): A drinking apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the region of the straw is marked by colouring the region.

Claim 10 (original): A drinking apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the region of the straw is marked by being fluorescent or luminous.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim_1 wherein the valve element is luminous or fluorescent.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim_1 wherein the indication that the apparatus has been tampered with includes damage to either the lid or the cup.